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Local Brevities.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Pharmaceutical Association is being held at Long Beach, Wash. Several of the delegates to the session came over yesterday afternoon to spend the night in the city.

A certificate of completion of the improvement of Franklin avenue between Fourteenth and Seventeenth streets was filed yesterday with Auditor Anderson. The improvement was made by Contractor Palmberg at a cost of \$3674.

There was no further change yesterday in the fishing situation. Reports from lower harbor points were to the effect that salmon were about as plentiful as on the previous day, and that fairly good hauls were made by seiners and gillnetters.

Professor Calvin of New York will teach dancing in Foard & Stokes' hall one week, commencing today and finishing next Friday. He will teach anyone the ballroom dances in five hours—an hour each day for five days. The opportunity of a lifetime if you want to learn.

The funeral of Martin, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Francisco-vitch, who was drowned Wednesday afternoon, will be held at 1 o'clock today from the family residence. Rev. Father Waters will conduct the services, and the interment will be in Greenwood. Members of the Knights of Pythias will attend the funeral.

Circuit Judge McBride left yesterday for St. Helens, where he will hold a brief term of court, afterward going to Oregon City. He adjourned court in this county without date, and expects to return here before the regular September term is convened. No criminal suits will be tried until September, however, and when Judge McBride returns he will hear such civil cases as may be called up.

The popularity of Hedrick's theater results in packed houses at every show, and last night the capacity of the house was taxed. There is an entirely new program for theatergoers, with new pictures. Commencing Monday night, "Farmer Jones and his pigs" will be the leading attraction on the bill. This sketch is pronounced to be

one of the very best vaudeville turns put on at any showhouse. Watch for the prize baby announcement.

Sheriff Linville has thus far been unable to locate Giuseppe Lucido, the Italian who shot a countryman during a row Wednesday night. The brother of the man who is wanted by the authorities was arraigned before Justice Goodman yesterday on a charge of mayhem, but his preliminary hearing was deferred until today. He is charged with having bitten the injured man, Taormino.

George Noland, attorney for Josiah S. Smith, yesterday filed in the circuit court notice of an appeal of the case to the state supreme court. Smith was convicted of perjury and Judge McBride sentenced him to a penitentiary term of 10 years. He was involved in the bogus damage suit against the city of Astoria. The time for the appeal had been extended by the court, but the notice was not given until yesterday.

A. J. Henderson was in custody yesterday on a charge of having obtained money under false pretenses. He presented to Cheshire & Brakke a check for \$20, drawn on Ladd & Tilton's bank at Portland. The check was cashed, but was returned by the Portland bankers with the statement that Henderson had no account there. The man was arrested, but the case against him was dropped when friends made good the amount. Henderson was formerly employed at the Hume mill.

A story is going the rounds that the merchants of Astoria are figuring upon chartering the new steamer Telephone and running her independently between Astoria and Portland. Inquiry yesterday failed to elicit any information on the subject. Should the merchants decide to charter the Telephone, they could throw to her practically all of the business of this city and make matters extremely disagreeable for the other lines. The story comes from Portland and is thus far without verification.

A remonstrance signed by Mrs. Devlin was filed yesterday against acceptance of the improvement of Exchange street from Fourteenth to Seventeenth. The remonstrance sets up that the improvement has not been properly made, in that the subgrade was not rolled as it should have been. It is also alleged that the sewer in front of Mrs. Devlin's property does not carry off

the water, which forms a stagnant pool, endangering the health of the people of the neighborhood. With the exception of the statement concerning the surface drain, the remonstrance is similar to others filed against the acceptance of crushed rock streets, and it is evident that the council must require contractors to more thoroughly fulfill their agreements. The primary trouble is said to result from the fact that the rock crusher is overworked.

Chairman Hansen of the council public property committee has returned from Portland, where he consulted with Architect Schacht, who is preparing the city hall plans. The plans are ready to be submitted to the committee, and it is expected the architect will be in the city today for that purpose. The committee will make such alterations as it may deem advisable and at Monday night's session of the council will submit the plans for approval. An ordinance authorizing the committee to call for bids for the work will be passed at the next session and as soon as possible the work will be gotten under way.

Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock the reserve seat sale for the opening performance by the James Keane company commences at Griffin's book store. From appearances, there will be a long line of purchasers when the sheet opens, and on the raising of the curtain Monday evening at Fishers' on the first act the great drama, "Sherlock Holmes," there should be standing room only. Mr. Keane's company is one of the best repertoire companies traveling, and its plays are all new to Astoria theatergoers. The prices are within the reach of all, being only 50 cents for reserved seats and 25 cents for gallery. Secure your seats early and don't get left in the rush.

Rain fell yesterday for the first time during the month of July. The down-pour was not extensive and will prove of benefit to the agricultural interests of the northwest. The precipitation from 6 o'clock Wednesday night to 6 o'clock last night was .49 of an inch. For the past 48 hours the thermometer had been steadily falling, going down from 30.25, at 6 Wednesday night, to 29.50 at 6 last night. Weather Observer Masters says the lower glass does not indicate any very bad weather, but perhaps a little rain. The forests have been afire in Washington state and the present rain will save much timber. There have been no forest fires in Clatsop county thus far during the year.

A shooting accident that might have resulted seriously occurred at Warrenton last Sunday, according to the west side correspondent of The Astorian. Two boys, Roy Harvey and Barney Sigerson, went hunting, taking with them a dog. The Sigerson had carried the gun, and during the course of the hunting expedition spied a bird, which he prepared to shoot. The dog got in the way of the marksman, however, so the boy used the barrel of the gun as a club with which to frighten off the dog. He struck the canine with the gun, which suddenly exploded, the charge taking effect in the knee of the Harvey boy. Dr. Wood of Fort Stevens was called and dressed the wound, which will not be attended with serious results.

A few days ago Captain Spelers of the Chinook promised to send to Otto Mikkelsen a number of deepsea fish, with the understanding that a feast would be spread for the benefit of several of the captain's friends. "We got large numbers of sea trout," said the captain, "and I will send you up a mess if you'll promise to let the other fellows in on the feed." Mr. Mikkelsen promised faithfully to do so, and Wednesday afternoon the box of fish came along. "Ha! ha!" exclaimed Mr. Mikkelsen; "here are those sea trout." He then invited a number of his friends to take dinner with him, explaining that he had a mess of delicious sea fish. After extending the invitations he opened the box, and found in it a skate of immense size. The skate resembles the halibut in shape and size, and is about as fit for food as shoe leather. The feast did not materialize.

The fishermen of the Columbia river who are residents of the state of Oregon have determined to test the constitutionality of the law which prohibits non-resident fishermen from operating on the Columbia. At the mass meeting held Wednesday they decided to appoint a committee to secure evidence against the non-residents who are now fishing, and the committee was instructed to report to another meeting to be held tomorrow. The fishermen against whom the evidence is being collected will be prosecuted, whether or not the law will hold good, is a question that has resulted in much speculation. The law specifies that

only residents of the state of Oregon may secure fishing licenses, but it was asserted yesterday that a loophole had been left in the bill. The power of the legislature to deny to any man the right to fish in the river is also doubted. It is contended that the legislature might, with equal reason, pass a law prohibiting a man from engaging in business in Oregon unless he were a resident of the state. The fishermen are determined to find out whether or not the law is constitutional, and with this idea in view will commence the test proceedings. As the matter is one of the utmost importance, the outcome of the controversy will be closely followed.

The call for the Oregon Development League convention was issued yesterday by the Portland Commercial Club. The convention will be called to order at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, August 2, at the Marquam Grand theater, Portland, and the sessions will extend over a period of two days. Every editor in Oregon, the governor, United States senators and congressmen are delegates-at-large to the convention, and the mayor of every city and town, as well as the various county judges, have been urged to name 10 delegates. Every commercial organization, or organization having for its object advancement of any line of business, is entitled to 10 delegates, not including the president and secretary of such organization. The delegates are expected to go to the convention prepared to make reports as to the progress of the different industries in their sections. The delegates will be entertained by the Portland Commercial Club and during their stay in the metropolis will be taken for a trolley ride over the city. Lady friends of delegates will be made welcome at the club, and an especial invitation has been extended to every one interested in Oregon's welfare to attend the sessions of the convention. All of the railroads have made a one-way fare for the round-trip for delegates to the convention. Under the scheme for the apportionment of delegates, Astoria will be entitled to a total representation of 85, as follows: Chamber of Commerce, 12; Push Club, 12; Commercial Club, 12; Irving Club, 12; Merchants Association, 12; city of Astoria, 10; county of Clatsop, 10; newspapers, 5; total, 85. As soon as delegates are named, the organization or official naming them are requested to send in the names to the Portland Commercial Club.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. E. Z. Ferguson has gone to Hot Lake, Ore., to spend a few weeks. Colonel Schenck, commanding at Fort Stevens, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Laurin spent yesterday at Long Beach, returning in the evening.

Secretary of State Frank I. Dunbar was in the city yesterday. He returned to Salem on the night train.

George F. Hanigan, editor of the Cathlamet Sun, was in the city yesterday. He returned on the Lurline. Madame Dillard, the popular milliner at the Bee Hive the past season, returns to the east this morning via Salt Lake City, Denver and the world's fair.

Paul Strain was in the city yesterday. He came down for the purpose of leasing a building on Bond street near Tenth, where he will open a clothing store August 1.

C. J. Wellman, superintendent for Bradstreet's, arrived in the city last night from Portland. Mrs. Wellman and children are at Seaside, and Mr. Wellman will join them today.

John Grover, assistant district forecaster in the Portland weather office, will leave in a few days for North Head station, at the mouth of the Columbia river, where he will relieve J. J. Kelliher. Mr. Kelliher will go east on a vacation.

FLOODS IN CHILE.

Ten Thousand Men Are Out of Work at Valparaiso.

New York, July 14.—Bad weather continues in central Chile, says a Herald dispatch from Valparaiso. Floods have destroyed 37 houses and caused the death of nine persons.

There are more than 10,000 harbor laborers unable to work at Valparaiso because of the floods.

The minister of finance has issued a statement declaring that the financial outlook is satisfactory.

License Is Suspended.

San Francisco, July 14.—United States Inspectors Bolles and Bulger have suspended the license of C. J. Anderson as chief mate for the period of three months because of negligence and unskillfulness in not noting the position of the steamer Point Arena before she struck on June 29 while on her way to San Francisco from Mendocino.

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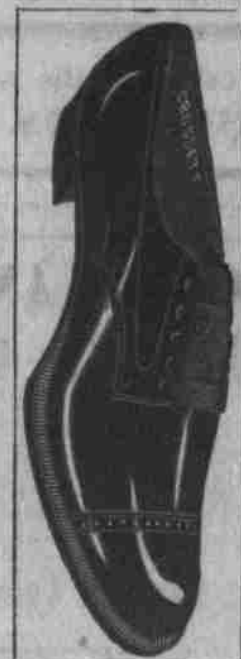


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